

Vladimir Putin of Russia. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Arlington, VA, where, at the Pentagon, he participated in a briefing by Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates and Gen. Peter Pace, USMC, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. He then met with U.S. military personnel.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will host NATO Secretary General Jakob Gijsbert "Jaap" de Hoop Scheffer and Mrs. de Hoop Scheffer-van Oorschot at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, on May 20–21.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ravic R. Huso to be Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

The President announced his intention to nominate Howard Radzely to be Deputy Secretary of Labor and appoint him as a Labor representative on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ned L. Siegel to be Ambassador to the Bahamas.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert Lance Boldrey to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation.

The President announced his intention to nominate John E. Osborn and Lezlee J. Westine to be members of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

The President announced his intention to nominate William S. Jasien and Mark S. Shelton to be Directors of the Board of Directors of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (Securities Industry).

The President announced his intention to appoint Stephen E. Henry, James D. Range, and Edward R. Tinsley III as members of the Board of Directors of the Valles Caldera Trust.

The President announced his intention to appoint Barbara Bruin as a member of the Federal Service Impasses Panel.

The President announced his intention to appoint Michael Lewis Cromartie, Talil Eid,

and Leonard A. Leo as members of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission: Brad T. Barber; Don A. Christiansen; James F. Karpowitz; and Dallin Willard Jensen.

The President announced his intention to designate Michael O. Leavitt (chief delegate), William Raymond Steiger, and Warren W. Tichenor as delegates of the U.S. to the Sixtieth World Health Assembly of the World Health Organization.

The President announced his intention to designate the following individuals as alternate delegates of the U.S. to the Sixtieth World Health Assembly of the World Health Organization: John O. Agwunobi; Ann S. Blackwood; Julie L. Gerberding; David E. Hohman; Michael W. Miller; and Mary Lou Valdez.

### ***May 11***

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Pittsburgh, PA, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Dan Wiesman. He then traveled to Latrobe, PA.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will host Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom at the White House on May 16–17.

The President declared a major disaster in Connecticut and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on April 15–27.

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### **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

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**Submitted May 7**

William G. Sutton, Jr.,  
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of  
Commerce, vice Albert A. Frink, Jr.

**Submitted May 10**

Robert Boldrey,  
of Michigan, to be a member of the Board  
of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholar-  
ship and Excellence in National Environ-  
mental Policy Foundation for a term expiring  
May 26, 2013 (reappointment).

Ravic Rolf Huso,  
of Hawaii, a career member of the Senior  
Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor,  
to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plen-  
ipotentiary of the United States of America  
to the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

William S. Jasien,  
of Virginia, to be a Director of the Securities  
Investor Protection Corporation for a term  
expiring December 31, 2009, vice Noe  
Hinojosa, Jr., term expired.

John E. Osborn,  
of Delaware, to be a member of the U.S.  
Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy  
for a term expiring July 1, 2009, vice Charles  
William Evers III, term expired.

Howard Radzely,  
of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of  
Labor, vice Steven J. Law, resigned.

Mark S. Shelton,  
of Kansas, to be a Director of the Securities  
Investor Protection Corporation for a term  
expiring December 31, 2008, vice Thomas  
Waters Grant, term expired.

Ned L. Siegel,  
of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary  
and Plenipotentiary of the United States of  
America to the Commonwealth of The Baha-  
mas.

Lezlee J. Westine,  
of Virginia, to be a member of the U.S. Advi-  
sory Commission on Public Diplomacy for  
a term expiring July 1, 2009, vice Marie So-  
phia Aguirre, term expired.

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**Checklist  
of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office  
of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as  
items nor covered by entries in the Digest of  
Other White House Announcements.

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**Released May 6**

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster  
assistance to Kansas

**Released May 7**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Sec-  
retary Tony Snow

**Released May 8**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Sec-  
retary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing  
that the President signed S. 521

**Released May 9**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Sec-  
retary Tony Snow

**Released May 10**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Sec-  
retary Tony Snow

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of  
NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop  
Scheffer

Text: Open Economies Policy Statement

**Released May 11**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press  
Secretary Scott M. Stanzel

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of  
British Prime Minister Tony Blair

Statement by the Press Secretary: Political  
Prisoners in Syria and Vietnam

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing  
that the President signed H.R. 1681

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster  
assistance to Connecticut